

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the section entitled Related Application beginning at page 1, line 10 with the following amended section:

Related Application

This application is a 371 of PCT/US04/009987 filed on April 1, 2004 which claims priority to provisional application 60/459,875, filed on April 1, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

If the user fails to verify his/her wellness to the “satisfaction” of verification function **232**, verification function **232** reports the failure, block **310**. As described earlier, the reporting may be in the form of one or more voice calls or text messages or other communications of like kind to one or more designated parties. The designated party or parties may be a member of the user’s immediate family, a member of the user’s extended family (i.e. relative), a business associate, a health care provider (a nurse, a doctor or their assistant), a messaging service, and so forth. The names of the parties, the manner of reporting, and any information needed to make the reporting, e.g. phone numbers, IP addresses, may be provided to phone **100** via any one of a number of known configuration means or to be designed. For examples, the information may be entered by the user, downloaded (e.g. at the time of signing up for the service, assuming the invention is offered as a service), or pre-loaded at the factory (if the function is an integrated offering of the network service provider), and so forth. Similarly, the provided information may be stored in any one of a number of known data organizations or to be designed.

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Figure 4 illustrates an exposed view of a phone **400**, incorporated with the teachings of the present invention, in accordance with an alternate embodiment. For the embodiment, unlike the embodiment of **Fig. 1**, user wellness verification function **232**, including optional motion sensor **216**, are embedded in interchangeable cover **400a** of phone **400**. Cover **400a** is designed to mate with core unit **400b** of phone **400** covering front surface ~~410a~~**400a** and the side surfaces ~~410b-410c~~**400b-400e**.